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For: Bristle for a Toothbrush, Particularly for an
Electric Toothbrush, and Method for its Mfg.

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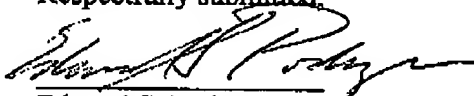
Responsive to the action mailed November 15, 2002, extended in time for reply by petition hereby for four (4) months time extension to and including April 15, 2003. Applicants elect the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of the apparatus claims 24-49. The election is made without traverse.

Applicants further elect the species of Figure 2b. As indicated by Examiner, the generic claims are 24, 28-31, 35-41, 44, 50, 55, 56-62. Furthermore, claims 32, 33, 34, 43, 49 also read on the elected species.

Applicants hereby petition for four (4) months time extension to Apr. 15, 2003 for. Authorization is hereby given to charge the time extension fee \$1440, including and additional fees under §1.16 and 1.17 required by this paper, to Deposit Account 07-1350. Applicants intend to file an Information Disclosure Statement by mail in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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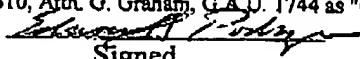
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Dear Examiner Graham,

I am now fax-filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, with 4 months time extension. We intend to file an Information Disclosure Statement by mail in due course making of record U.S. Pat. 6,506,327 B2 (Weihrach), issued Jan. 14, 2003, and potentially relevant prior art listed on the title page of said reference.

Please telephone if I can be of further assistance to advance this case.

Very truly yours,

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